



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2015**

**9:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-0863)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Shan Lee

Absent: Commissioner James Barger

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Call to Order. (15-0654)

**President Vasquez called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Vice President Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of January 14, 2015. (15-0655)

**On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Secretary Lee, and unanimously carried by the following vote, this item was approved.**

**Ayes: 3 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Shan Lee**

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**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General W/Dance & Annual Dance, Business License ID# 140969, to issue a new license to Stonehaus/Westlake Properties Inc., Christopher R. Culty, Chief Operation Officer and Chief Financial Officer, located at 32039 Agoura Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 in the Third District (Continued from the meeting date of 1/14/15). (15-0107)

**Eric Barnes, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for Entertainment General with Dance and Annual Dance. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.**

**Christopher R. Culty, Chief Operation Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Stonehaus/Westlake Properties Inc., provided a brief overview of the business. Mr. Culty indicated that the majority of their patrons are members of the community and that the owner of the property built the City of Westlake Village.**

**In response to questions posed by Vice President Campbell, Mr. Culty indicated that their Oktoberfest celebration occurs on Friday and Saturday. Oktoberfest was formerly held in the courtyard area of Stonehaus, distanced approximately 500 feet away from the closest residential house. However, it will be relocated to the tennis courts, which are both adjacent to a golf course and farther away from the residential areas.**

**In response to questions posed by Secretary Lee, Mr. Culty confirmed that a movie theatre is located adjacent to the tennis courts, however, he clarified that the site plan was in error because Agoura Road and Lakeview Boulevard are reversed from their correct locations. Secretary Lee noticed a discrepancy between the Annual Dance Summary Sheet and the Entertainment General Summary Sheet as the Fire Department Approvals were dated on 05/01/01 and 05/12/14; Eric Barnes, TTC, indicated that the 2001 date is a typographical error, and that the date should read 05/12/14 and that these documents will be corrected.**

**In response to questions posed by President Vasquez, Mr. Culty indicated that he desires to use the Entertainment-General W/Dance & Annual Dance Business License for inside the property, as well as outside in the courtyard area. A guitarist performs from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday and 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday; during the winter, the guitarist does not perform on Thursdays and Sundays, or on days when it is raining.**

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During Oktoberfest, a stage is erected for a German Oompah Band, which includes a tuba. Mr. Culty explained that had he known about the complaint letters from the neighborhood, he would have brought letters of support from other members of the same neighborhood to refute the allegations. Mr. Culty stated that he wants to be a good business operator and address the concerns of the neighbors.

Eric Barnes, TTC, indicated that live entertainment is in compliance with the Regional Planning Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Vasquez, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following conditions:

1. Must comply with the existing CUP issued by the City of Westlake Village; and
2. By June of 2015, host a community meeting with the residents within a 500 foot radius of the property in order to observe complaints, assess methods addressing these complaints, and inform the community of the relocation of the Oktoberfest celebration.

**Ayes:** 3 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Shan Lee

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4. Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Danae Rees for Dizzy Feet Foundation, located at 5455 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 2020, Los Angeles, CA 90036 in the Third District. (15-0660)

Danae Rees, Executive Director, Dizzy Feet Foundation, provided an overview of the organization.

Ms. Rees explained that the organization grants scholarships to talented and low-income college students who wish to pursue a career in dance. An annual gala serves as a fundraiser and an opportunity to raise awareness in the community.

In response to questions posed by Vice President Campbell, Ms. Rees

explained that the organization meets with accredited colleges and asks them to nominate students with both talent and financial need. The organization also funds non-profit dance organizations that reach out to many high schools nationwide, such as the Drug Administration Youth Dance Program. Ms. Rees indicated that the percentage of low-income youth served by these programs is a large factor in vetting out the received applications. Dizzy Feet only grants funding to organizations who serve an 80 to 100 percent low-income population. Ms. Rees confirmed that their organization has five members on their Board of Directors, two members are authorized signers of their checking account and that best business practices are followed.

In response to questions posed by Secretary Lee, Ms. Rees explained that their annual gala is currently their sole source of funding. Traditionally, the gala is hosted at the Music Center immediately following the National Dance day event at Grand Park; however, to avoid the associated costs involved with a union theatre, Ms. Rees stated that they are reaching The Orpheum Theater as an alternative to the Music Center. Ms. Rees explained that the organization is in the process of looking into funding grants as an additional source of income as to not rely solely on their gala event.

Secretary Lee encouraged the organization to decrease expenses for future fundraising events.

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Secretary Lee, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the issuance of the new Information Card.

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Secretary Lee, and unanimously carried, the Commission received the Notice of Intention to Solicit.

**Ayes:** 3 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Shan Lee

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5. Hearing on application for Bingo Manager, Business License ID# 141755, to issue a new license to Nat Luis Ornelas, of the Rowland High School Raider Education Foundation, located at 2000 S. Otterbein Ave., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District. (15-0661)

**In response to questions posed by Secretary Lee, Nat Luis Ornelas, representative for the Rowland High School Raider Education Foundation (Foundation), indicated that although the Foundation is struggling with attendance, a base has been established from which they are hoping will grow. Mr. Ornelas indicated that competition from other bingo operators throughout the County is the reason for an unfavorable turnout.**

**Secretary Lee explained that the Bingo Operator Business License was issued recently, and expressed his satisfaction in that adding an additional Bingo Manager is a sign that the Foundation is working hard.**

**Mr. Ornelas indicated that the reason the Foundation commenced its bingo operations was to help finance extracurricular activities as a result of a decline in donations.**

**On motion of Secretary Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:**

**Ayes: 3 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Shan Lee**

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### **III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM**

6. Discuss and take action on modifying the Bingo Operator, Business License ID# 456217 for Friends of Steinmetz Park Senior Center, Inc., located at 1545 S. Stimson Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 in the Fourth District. (15-0662)

**Irma Ochoa, President of Friends of the Steinmetz Park Senior Center, provided a brief overview of the organization. In response to questions posed by Secretary Lee, Ms. Ochoa indicated that a modification to limit the amount of players to 100 or less will allow the organization to be exempt from fees; money saved will be allocated back into the organization. As a result of a recent election, there are new board members. Ms. Ochoa also stated that there are two Bingo Managers, but would like to add more in the future.**

**On motion of Secretary Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission modified the aforementioned license to reflect the following:**

- **Limit the amount of players to 100 or less.**

**Ayes:** 3 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Shan Lee

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#### **IV. REPORT**

7. Commissioners' Comments. (15-0656)

**The Commission reviewed the calendar for February 2015 and agreed to cancel the following meeting dates:**

**February 18 and 25, 2015.**

**The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.**

#### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-0657)

**No members of the public addressed the Commission.**

9. Adjournment for the meeting of February 11, 2015. (15-0658)

**On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Secretary Lee, there being no objection, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.**